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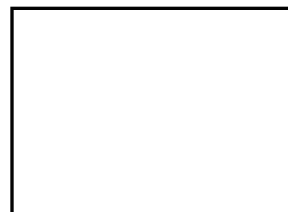
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SOUTH VIETNAMPRG Views on a Capital, ICCS

A Viet Cong official claimed recently that the PRG is still undecided concerning the location of its capital, but he did say that credentials of foreign representatives accredited to the PRG will be presented in Quang Tri Province. The official also claimed that the "military command headquarters" for the PRG is "temporarily located" in Quang Tri Province.

Commenting on the Canadian withdrawal from the ICCS, he asserted that the PRG prefers Sweden as a replacement, and that Saigon and the PRG both prefer a non-Asian country. Neither side, he concluded, considers the choice a "crucial point."

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The Military Situation

The South Vietnamese have abandoned efforts to reopen Route 13 from central Binh Duong Province to An Loc, the capital of Binh Long Province. President Thieu reportedly stopped the operation after learning that it was making little progress and causing South Vietnamese resources to be spread thin. Another road clearing operation along Route 1A in Binh Duong Province also is having little success. Well-entrenched Communist units so far have kept the road closed and have prevented South Vietnamese units from gaining much additional ground.

Fighting elsewhere in the country is generally light. Some fairly heavy action has been reported in Kontum Province, where Communist gunners west of Kontum City have held South Vietnamese forces at bay with 130-mm. artillery fire. The Communists have begun heavy shelling and rocket attacks against areas just to the north and south of the city, and there are reports that they will shell the city itself.

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Senior government negotiator Pheng Phongsavan is planning to call on Communist envoy Phoumi Vongvichit later this week to see if the Communists are ready to move ahead as a result of the talks in Paris between Dr. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho. Pheng says he will offer some minor concessions on the composition of the coalition cabinet and on the provisions for security of the Pathet Lao ministers in Vientiane and Luang Prabang. He will also propose a compromise on the demarcation of points separating opposing forces.

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Government forces encountered little resistance in reopening Route 4 west of Thnal Totung on 13 June. Other troops moving on the village from the east continue to make little progress, however, and the highway remains cut about 15 miles from Phnom Penh. Sweep operations along Route 26 south of Thnal Totung have been temporarily suspended and the government will attempt, instead, to clear the area north of Route 4. Southwest of Phnom Penh, the government has again launched sweep operations west of Route 3 some 15 miles from the capital and farther south along Route 2

The Communists again attacked the airfield at Battambang with rockets and mortars. Several trainer aircraft damaged on 10 June were hit again and some ammunition was destroyed. The runway or other facilities were not damaged. [REDACTED]

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